

The Forme of the Oath to be administred
to the Church-wardens and Sworn-men.

You shall sweare, that all hope of gaine, feare and affection set aside, you make true presentment of all such parties, as have offended against these Articles, or are vehemently suspected, famed or reported so to have offended: So helpe you God, and the Contents of the holy Gospels.

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Concerning the Church of England.

Ake there any in your Parish that being Popishly affected, doe derogate from his Maestties Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall? & who be they?

2 Are there any in your Parish that out of seditious and schismaticall spirits doe affirme that this Church of England by law established under the Kings Maesttie, is not a true and Apostolicall Church, teaching and maintaining the doctrine of the Apostles?

3 Are there any in your parish that affirme that the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, established by the law, and contained in the booke of Common prayer, & administration of Sacraments, is a corrupt, superstitious, or unlawfull worship of God, or containeth any thing in it that is repugnant to the Scriptures?

4 Are there any in your Parish that affirme that any of the 39 Articles agreed upon by the Arch-Bishops, and Bishops of both prouinces, and the whole Clergie in the Conuocation holden at London, Anno Dom. 1562. are in any part superstitious or erroneous or such as with good conscience they may not subscribe vnto?

5 Are there any in your Parish that affirme that the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, by Law established are twicked, Antichristian or superstitious, or such as being commanded by lawfull authority, men that are zealously and godly affected, may not with good conscience approue them, vsa them, or subscribe vnto them?

6 Are there any in your parish that affirme, that the government of the Church of England vnder his Maesttie by Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Deanes, Arch-deacons and the rest that beare office in the same is Antichristian or repugnant to the word of God?

7 Are there any in your parish that impugne the forme or manner of making and consecrating Bishops Priests or deacons, vsed in the Church of England?

8 Are there in your Parish, any Schismaticall Separatists, new combined brotherhoods, deparaters of such as consojme themselves to the doctrine, gouernment, rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or any secret maintainers and fauourers of such separatists and new brotherhoods? Are there any Corner Conuenticles, or any that maintaine or fauour or defend them? Are there any such seditious people in your parish, that disliking the gouernment of the Church of England, take vpon themselves the name of Church, and make orders rules or other constitutions to be obserued and kept by themselves.

Concerning the Ministrie, Service and Sacraments.

Whether are the common Prayers said or sung by your Minister, both Morning and Euening distinctly, and reuerently euery Sunday and holy.

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holy-day, and on their Eues, and at conuenient and vsuall times of those dayes, and in most conuenient place for the edifying of the people :

2 Whether doth your Minister obserue the orders Rites and Ceremonies prescribed in the Booke of common Prayer, in reading the Holy Scriptures prayers and administration of Sacraments, without diminishing, or adding any thing in the matter or forme thereof :

3 Whether doth your Minister on wednesdayes and frydayes not being holy-dayes, at the accustomed houres of seruice resort to the Church and say the Litanie : and other prayers prescribed : And doth your Clerke or Serton giue warning befoze by tolling of a Bell on those dayes, and doth one person of euery house repaire to the Church at those times usually, and there stay according to the Cannon :

4 Whether doth your Minister leauing the use of the ffont Christen or baptize in any Balon or other prophane vessels : doth your Minister baptize or Christen any out of the face of the Church and Congregation, or at any other time then upon Sundayes or holy-dayes without speciall cause, or without Godfathers and God-mothers : Are any persons admitted to answer as God-fathers or God-mothers at the Christning of any Child, except he or she haue befoze receiued the Holy Communion: doth your Minister in Baptizing of Children obserue the orders, Rites and Ceremonies, appointed in the Booke of Common prayer without addition omission or innovation :

5 Doe you know any Parents that deferre the Christning of their Children, or any that haue not had their Children Christned at their owne Parish Church or Chappell : what is the cause that they keepe them so long unchristned : doe you know of any parents that haue had their children priuately Baptized, either by a Popish priest contrary to the Lawes of the Church of England, or by an unconformable Minister omitting any part of the forme of Baptizing Children contained in the Booke of common prayer :

6 Doth your Minister giue warning publickly in the Church at Morning prayer, the Sunday befoze he administreth the Communion for the better preparation of the parishioners :

7 Doth your Minister as oft as he administreth the Communion, first receiue it himselfe : doth he use any bread or wine newly brought, befoze the words of institution be rehearsed and the bread and wine present on the Communion table : doth he not deliuer the bread and wine to euery Communicant seuerally :

8 Hath your Minister admitted to the Communion any that be openly knowne to liue in some notorious offence or Crime without repentance or satisfaction of the Congregation, or who hath openly and maliciously contended with his or her Neighbours, befoze hee or she haue openly and charitably reconciled themselves againe and remitted all rancour and malice, whatsoeuer Controuersie hath bene betweene them :

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9. Doth your Minister administer the Communion to any but such as kneele: or doe any refuse to kneele: hath he administered to any who refuse to be present at publick prayer, or who hath depraueed the Booke of Common Prayer, administration of the Sacraments or the Rites and Ceremonies prescribed, or the Articles of Religion agreed upon, or the Booke of Ordering Priests and Bishops, or against his Maiesties Supremacy: haue any bene for these causes repelled, and haue they repented in writing or otherwise and what be their names?

10. Hath your Minister more benefices then one: if he hath how farre distant are they: and to whether serues he two Cures or not: when he is absent, hath he an allowed Preacher for his Curate?

11. Hath your Church or Chappell bene destitute of a Curate, and how long, and by whose default: hath any Curate serued or doth any Curate serue without licence of the Ordinary?

12. Doe you know any Popish Priests, Seminaries, Jesuits, or Runnagate persons that doe preach, say Masse or minister any Popish Sacraments or Ceremonies, or else doe resort secretly or openly unto your parish, and what be their names, and unto whose houses doe they resort, and of whome are they harboured and relieved: set downe their Names and Surnames:

13. Is your Parson Vicar or Curate or any other parson in your parish a fauourer of the Romish Church or Religion, or of any other sect or Schismaticall opinion, or hath he or doth he maintaine or teach any doctrine contrary or repugnant to any of the Articles agreed vpon by the Clergie in the Conuocation holden at London Anno Dom. 1562: haue they taught publicly or secretly any doctrine tending to the discredit and dispraise either of the Booke of Common prayer, or of the Preachers and Ministers of the word and Sacraments, or of the received order for gouernment by Arch-Bishops, Bishops Deanes, Arch-deacons and other Officers in the Church of England, or make any other inuouation: Or haue they permitted any man so teaching, or making inuouation in such maner?

14. Is your Minister an allowed Preacher, if he be not, doth he procure euery moneth a Sermon to be Preached in his Cure by Preachers lawfully licenced? And on euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, doth he or his Curate read some one of the homilies prescribed:

15. Doth your Minister alwaies in saying the publick prayers and administering the Sacraments weare a decent Surplice with Sleeues, and being a Graduate, doth he weare alwaies there with an Hode by the order of the Universities agreeable to his degree:

16. Hath your Minister, or any other Preacher in your Church, Preached any thing to confute or impugn any doctrine deliuered by any other Preacher: and doth he alwaies besore the Sermon, Lecture, and homilie pray for Christs Catholike Church, The Kings Majesty, and our Gracious Queene Mary, the Noble Prince Charles, the Lady Mary, the Lady Elizabeth, and Her Princely Issue,

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The Ministers of Gods Holy word, as well Arch-Bishops and Bishops, as other Pastours and Curats, for the Kings most Honourable Councell, the Nobility and Magistrates of this Realme and the Commons: And doth he alwaies conclude his prayer with the Lords prayer, According to the Cannon 55:

17 Hath or doth any strange Preacher preach in your Church which refuseth to conforme himselfe to the Lawes, rites and Ordinances established, or which hath not first shewed a sufficient licence?

18 Doth your Minister in his Sermons 4 times in the yeare at least, teach and declare the Kings Maiesties power within his Realmes to be the highest power vnder God, to whom all within the same owe trust loyalty & obedience, and that all foraine power is iustly taken away?

19 Doth your Minister every Sunday halfe an hower before euening prayer or more, examine and instruct the youth of the parish in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of Common prayer: And doe the Church-wardens assist the Minister herein: and who be they that refuse to be Catechized: and what Parents haue not diligently sent their Children and seruants to be Catechized?

20 Hath your Minister married any without licence in the times prohibited, and hath he married any without licence whose banes haue not bene openly published in the Church 3 seuerall sundryes or holydayes: if any of the parties dwell out of the parish, hath he married them without Certificate vnder the Ministers hand of the other parish, that the banes of matrimony haue bene lawfully asked and published without contradiction: hath he married any at any other times of the day, then betwene the howers of 8 and 12 in the forenoone, or in any private house, or when there is no licence before the Parents and Gouerners (the parties being vnder the age of 21 yeares) haue testified their consent?

21 Hath your Minister declared every Sunday to the people at the time appointed what holy dayes and fasting dayes be the weeke following: doth he, being a Preacher, confesse with all Recusants and persons Excommunicated and suspected, to reduce them to the unity of the Church?

22 Doth your Minister keepe a note of all Excommunicated persons within your Parish, and once every six months doth he denounce them which haue not obtained their absolution on some Sunday in service time, that others may be admonished to restraine their company?

23 Is your Parson, Vicar, or Curate diligent in visiting the sicke and comforting them: doe they bury your dead in such Christian and comely manner, as is prescribed in the booke of Common prayer: hath any layman, other then a lawful Minister taken vpon him to bury the dead contrary to order?

24 Hath your Minister refused to baptize any child brought to the Church, or to bury any Corps brought to the Church, or Churchyard, or to Church any woman having had convenient warning thereof?

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Child unbaptized, and being desired to goe to the place where the Childe is, to Baptize it, neglected to goe, by meanes whereof the Child dyed unbaptized?

26 Have you any Lecture in your Parish continued without lawfull licence of the Bishop: doth your Lecturer obserue all the rites specified in the 56 Canon?

27 Doth your Minister at any time preach or administer the Communion in any private house, except when any are so impotent that they canot go to Church, or are very dangerously sicke?

28 Doe any Chaplaines in your parish preach or administer the Communion in any Chappell not consecrated, or in any house hauing no Chappell allowed by law: doe the Lords and Masters that haue private Chappells of their owne, resort often to the parish Church and there receiue the Communion, at the least once every yeare?

29 Doth your Minister reside vpon his Parsonage or Vicarage house?

30 Hath there bene any secret Conuenticles or meetings in your parish by any Priests, Ministers, or others, tending to the depuration of the forme of prayer, doctrine, or gouernment of this Church of England?

Concerning the Church, Church-yard, Parsonage, and Vicarage house.

Whether is your Church, Chappell, and Chancell, well and sufficiently repaired in the walls and roofo, the seates conuenient, the floore paved, the windowes glazed, and all these cleanly kept: Is the Minister house of your Parson or Vicar with the buildings thereunto belonging, well and sufficiently repaired, and your Church-yard walls, Railes or pales kept in good repaire?

2 Hath your Church or Church-yard bene abused & prophaned by any fighting, riding, brawling, or quarrelling, any playes, lordes of mis-rule, Summer lordes, Morris-dauncers, Pedlers, Bowlers, Bearewards, Butchers, Feasts, Scholes, Temporall Courts or Leets, Lay Iuries, Distresses, or other prophane vsages: Haue any Bells bene superstitiously rung on holy-daye, or their Cues, or at any other times, without good cause allowed by the Minister and Church-wardens: haue any trees bene sell'd in the Church-yard and by whom?

3 Are your Almes-houses, Church-houses & schole-houses or other houses and buildings set vpon the soile of the Church or Church-yard sufficiently repaired, maintained and to goodly and right vse imploied?

4 Haue you in your Church or Chappell all things necessary for Common Prayer and other Rites of the Church, as the Bible in the largest volume, the Booke of Common Prayer lately authorized by his Maiesty, the Bookes of homilies allowed, a conuenient Pulpit for preaching, a decent seate for the Minister to reade seruite in, conueniently placed, a strong Chest with three lockes and three keyes, one for the Minister, the other for the Church-wardens for the keeping of the Register Booke of the Christnings, marriages and Burials, and a poore mans box conueniently set nere the Church doore?

5 Haue you in your Church a font of stene, for Baptisme set in the ancient, usual

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shall place, a decent Table for the Communion, comeniently placed, covered with silke or other decent stuffe in time of diuine seruice, and with a faire linnen cloth ouer that, at the administration of the Communion :

6 Haue you all such Bells, Ornamentes and other Utensils as haue anciently belonged to your Church, a Communion Cup of Silver with a Cover, a faire standing Pot of Pewster or purer metall for the wine vpon the Communion table a comely Surplesse with sleeves, and a Booke of the names of all strange Preachers subscribed with their names, and the name of the Bishop or others whers they had licence :

7 Haue you a booke of parchment for a Register booke, of Marriages, Christnings and Burials : Are weekly the names and Sur-names of all persons married, christned, and buried, and of their parents with the day and yeare written fairely in the sayd parchment booke : Is euery lease (being full) subscribed by you the Minister and Churchwardens :

8 Haue you in the East-end of the Church the tenne Commandements fairely written and set up, and other chosen sentences of the holy Scripture written vpon comenient places of the walls : Is there a table of the degrees of marriage sett up : Haue you seates enough in the Church for the parishioners to sit on, and are they in good repaire :

Concerning Ecclesiasticall Courts.

1 Hath the Official, or his surrogate, or any other exercising Ecclesiasticall Iurisdiction in this Archdeaconrie, their Registers, or Aquaries, Apparitors, or Sumners, at any time wincked at, and suffered any Adulteries, Fornications, Incests, or other faults or offences to passe and remaine unpunished and uncorrected, or haue they commuted any penance of such offenders :

2 Hath your Register, his deputy, or substitute, set vp two Tables of the rates of fees ; one in the vsuall place or Consistory where the Court is kept, and the other in his Registry ; and both of them in such sort, as every man whom it concerneth may come to the view and perusal thereof : Or if such Tables haue heretofore bene set up, hath your Register remoued the same, or suffered them to be remoued, hidden, or any wayes hindered from sight :

3 Doe you know any householder or other person whatsoener, within your Parish or Chappellrie, that is deceased, that haue made their last wills and testaments, the same not being yet proued ; or if without will, who haue entred vpon their goods without lawfull administration taken from the Ordinary or other Judge competent :

Concerning Schoole-masters.

1 Haue you in your Parish any Schoole-masters, who teach either in publicke or private house : Is he reputed to be of sound faith and religion : Doth he giue any euill example of life : Is he allowed by the Ordinary vnder his hand and seales : Or doth your Minister or Curate teach, and is he allowed in like manner :

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1 Dosth your Minister or Schole-master who teacheth, teach the Catechisme by authority set forth? Dosth hee when there is any Sermon, or diuine Service bring his schollers to Church, and see them quietly and soberly ordered? Dosth hee examine them after their returne what they haue learned of the Sermon?

Concerning the Parish clerke, and Sexton.

1 **H**Aue you a parish clerke appointed by the Minister, sufficient for his place, of the age of twenty yeares at least. Is he of honest conuersation? Can he reade, write, and sing? Is he diligent in his office, and seruiceable to the Minister in time of diuine Service, and otherwile?

2 Dosth your Clerke meddle with any thing aboue his office, as churching of women, burying the dead, reading of prayers, or such like?

3 Dosth your Clerk or Sexton keep your Church cleane, the doores safe locked? Is any thing by his default lost or spoiled in the Church, doth he suffer any unreasonable ringing, or any prophane exercise in the Church.

4 Dosth any of your Parish refuse to pay vnto the Parish-clerke or Sexton, such wages as are vnto them due, and haue bene accustomedly payd?

Concerning parishioners.

1 **D**osth any in your Parish prophane, violate, or mispend the Sabbath or Holydaies or any part of them, vsing any offensive conuersation, or wordy labour in those dayes or any of them?

2 Hath any in your Parish in time of diuine Service couered his head, albeit he hath infirmity, in which case a Cap is allowed? Is there any who hath not reuerently knoled when the generall Confession, Letany, and other prayers are read, and which haue not stood vp at the saying of the Beliefe?

3 Hath any in your Parish disturbed diuine Service, by walking, talking, or any other way; or departed out of the Church during the Service, or Sermon, without some urgent cause or loitered about the Church or Church-porch?

4 Are there any in your Parish, either man or woman, being aboue sixteen yeares of age, that hath not receiued the holy Communion thrice at least every yeare, whereof once at Easter? Or haue any receiued the Communion in any other Parish Church or Chappell than their owne?

5 Dosth any parent answer as God-father for his olone childre? Hath any God-father or God-mother made any other answer or speech than is prescribed in the booke?

6 Doe all fathers, mothers, masters, mistresses, come, and cause their children, seruants, and Apprentices, to come duly to the Church, and according to the Ministers direction, to be instructed and catechised; or who be they that haue not obeyed the spirit of here in?

7 Haue any persons married together within the degrees prohibited, set forth in a table appointed to be in euery Church?

8 Haue any persons once lawfully married together forsaaken each other, or doe

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line asunder without the authority of the Ordinary: Or doe any being divorced or separated marry againe, the former husband or wife yet living?

9 Hath any in your Parish irreuerently bled your Minister, or haue any laid violent hands vpon him, or disgraced his office and calling by word or deed?

10 Haue you in your Parish any dweller or sojourner, a maintainer of Popish doctrine, or suspected to keepe or disperse schismaticke bookes, or to saue any heresie or error?

11 Haue any in time of diuine seruice opened their shops, exercised their trades, bled any gaming, bene in any Tauerne or Ale-houle or otherwise ill employed?

12 Are there in your Parish any adulterers, fornicators, incestuous persons, bawdes, receiuers, or close sauouters, couisers away or sufferers of any incontinent persons to depart unpunished; or any which haue their meetings in private places in the night time or other indecent times, and by reason thereof are commonly defamed or vehemently suspected of any of the said crimes?

13 Is the fifth of Nouember kept holy, and thanksgiving made to God for his Mercies and the States happy deliuerance, according to the Ordinance in that behalfe?

14 Are there in your Parish any blasphemers, common swearers, ribawdes, and such as commonly vse bawdy, immodest, vniuill, and filthy speeches, malicious slanderers, scolds, common drunkards, or any defamed of any of the said crimes?

15 Doe any in your Parish administer the goods of the dead without authority, or suppress their Will and Testament? Haue any Executors neglected to performe the wils of the dead, especially in paying of Legacies giuen to the Church, to the poore, or to any other charitable or godly uses?

16 Doe any refuse to pay to the reparations, ornaments, and other things required in your Church, as they are celled or taxed?

17 Haue any in your Parish bene christned, churched, buried, or receiued the Communion; or bene married out of your Parish, both parties dwelling in your Parish?

18 Haue all women in your Parish deliuered of child, come at convenient time after to Church to giue thanks? And haue they bene Churched according to the forme of the booke of Common Prayer?

19 Hath the perambulation of the circuit of your Parish bene obserued once every yeare at the vsuall time? If not, by whose default?

20 Haue any in your Parish giuen to the Church wardens or Side-men or any of them euill words, so doing their Office according to their Duty, and conscience in making presentment for any default?

21 Is there any man or woman in your Parish that vseth witchcraft, sozcery, charmes, or unlawfull prayer, or incantations in Latine, or English, or otherwise

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Concerning Church-wardens and Sworne-men.

Doe any in your Parish take upon them to bee Church-warden or Side-man, which is not lawfully chosen by the Minister and Parishioners according to the Canon? Doe any continue that office longer than one yeare, except they be chosen againe; and are all such officers chosen yearely in Easter-wke?

2 Doe your Church-wardens within one moneth at the most after their yeare ended, befoze the Minister and Parishioners, giue by a iust account of all such money, and other things as they haue receiued and bestowed? Haue they deliuered all remaining in their hands, belonging to the Church or Parish, to the next Church-wardens?

3 Haue the Church-wardens with the aduice of the Minister from time to time, provided a sufficient quantity of fine white bread and wholesome wine for the number of communicants? Haue you at euery Communion collected the deuotion of the Communicants, and put it into the poore-mans-bor?

4 Doe the Church-wardens and Sworne-men befoze euery visitation, and at other times when there is iust occasion, meete and conferre about their presentments, and who hath (after notice giuen him of the time and place) carelesly absented himselfe?

5 Is the forfeiture of twelue pence for absence from the Church appointed by statute for the use of the poore, taken and leuyed by the Church-wardens, and imployed according to the said statute? Is the same forfeiture taken of all persons which stand wilfully suspended or excommunicated?

6 Haue any Church-wardens lost, sold, changed, or retained, any goods, ornaments or bells, rents, or implements of the Church, without speciall licence of the Ordinary?

7 Doe you the Church-wardens and Swornemen about the midst of Divine seruice usually walke out of the Church, and see who are abroad in any Ale-house or else where absent, or euill imployed: and haue you presented all such to the Ordinary?

8 Doe you know or haue heard of any same, or offence committed, or duty omitted, by any of your Parish befoze your time, and heretofore not presented by the former Church-wardens to the Ordinary, and as yet not reformed, and haue you presented the same?

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